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STARBASE

2.0

A Department of Defense Youth Program

Session Two: The Rise of the Robots

After a great start of the program during session one, session two was of equal success. The students continued to strengthen their teamwork skills through this week's Map It! activity which centered on the theme of responsibility. The students wrote in their notebooks and shared aloud with the group 3 things they've achieved in the last 3 months, 4 barriers they've overcome in the past 4 weeks, and 5 things they want to do in the next 5 years. The mentors helped each student

develop SMART (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time-bound) goals. At the next session, the students will discuss what steps they took to reach their set goals.

Each team began creating their two LEGO robots which they'll program to complete the missions during the competition at the last session. The mentors helped the students follow along with the directions and select the correct parts during the assembling of the robots. The students devel-

oped their own strategies while building their robots. Some groups assigned a couple students as team leaders who were in charge of reading the booklet and overseeing the production, a couple students as LEGO piece identifiers and locators, and a couple students who assembled the LEGO pieces in the designated order. The students will continue building the robots during the next session along with beginning the process of programming their robots with the software programs.

The next STARBASE 2.0 meeting will be Wednesday, February 3, 2010 from 4-6 pm.



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